

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request ~~including~~ that includes one of a name, a telephone number, or a network identifier.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request ~~including~~ that includes an e-mail address.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request ~~including~~ that includes one of an audio signal, a video signal, a photograph, or a digital image.
- 5-8. (canceled).
9. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where automatically storing the contact information in the contact list is performed without user intervention.

10. (currently amended) A method for obtaining contact information, the method comprising:

receiving, by a service center, a request initiated by a user for contact information associated with a telephone number;

querying, by the service center and in response to the request, a directory for the contact information;

querying, by the service center and in response to the request, an Internet search engine for the contact information;

receiving, via the service center, the contact information from ~~at least one of~~ the directory and the Internet search engine ~~at the service center~~; and

automatically storing, via the service center, the contact information in a contact list associated with the user in response to receiving the contact information ~~[[at]]~~ via the service center.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein~~ where the telephone number for which contact information is requested includes a telephone number associated with a call received by the user.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein~~ where the telephone number for which contact information is requested includes a telephone number previously dialed by the user.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein~~ where the telephone

number₁ for which contact information is requested₁ is specified by the user.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 10₁ further comprising:
providing the user with access to the contact information.

15. (currently amended) ~~In a system having a user terminal, a service center, and a server, a~~ A method for obtaining contact information in a system that includes a user terminal, a service center, and a server, the method comprising:

receiving, by the service center, a request from the user terminal for contact information associated with a party, the request including identifying information associated with the party;

forwarding the request from the service center to the server;

transmitting, in response to the request, a query including the identifying information from the server to a directory and to an Internet search engine;

receiving at least one response by the server from at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine;

forwarding the at least one response from the server to the service center;

providing a user of the user terminal with access to the contact information when the at least one response includes the contact information; and

automatically storing the contact information in a contact list maintained by the service center when the at least one response includes the contact information, ~~wherein~~ where the contact list is associated with the user.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where transmitting a query

including the identifying information from the server includes transmitting a query including a telephone number and an identifier associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the user of the user terminal.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where the directory includes a directory assistance service maintained by at least one service provider.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~wherein~~ where providing the user with access to the contact information includes providing the user with access to at least one of a name, a street, a city, a state, a zip code, a facsimile number, or an e-mail address associated with the party ~~telephone number~~.

19. (canceled).

20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended) A communications system comprising:
a user device, coupled to a network, configured to transmit a request for contact information associated with a telephone number;
a service center, associated with the user device, configured to receive the request for contact information from the network; and
a ~~first~~ server, coupled to the service center, configured to:
query, in response to the request and using the telephone number, a directory to obtain the contact information,

query, in response to the request and using the telephone number, an Internet search engine to obtain the contact information,

receive a response to the query from at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine[[]], and

forward the response received from at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine to the service center, the service center automatically storing the response in a contact list that is associated with a user requesting the contact information when the response includes the requested contact information.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the directory includes a directory assistance service maintained by at least one service provider.

23. (canceled).

24. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the user device is one of a general purpose computer, a personal computer, a Blackberry™ device, a Ergo Audrey™ device, a wireless device, or a Personal Digital Assistant.

25. (canceled).

26. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the response ~~received by the first server from the at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine and forwarded to the service center includes~~ comprises listing information, ~~which~~ that includes at

least one of a name, a street, a city, a state, a zip code, a facsimile number, or an e-mail address.

27. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, ~~wherein~~ where the service center provides ~~[[a]]~~ the user with access to the listing information via the network.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, ~~wherein~~ where the service center stores the listing information in a contact list associated with the user.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the response received by the first server from the at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine and forwarded to the service center indicates that information associated with the telephone number is not available to the public.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the response received by the first server from the at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine and forwarded to the service center indicates a billing type associated with the telephone number.

31. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the response received by the first server from the at least one of the directory or the Internet search engine and forwarded to the service center includes at least one error message.

32. (canceled).

33. (canceled).

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

forwarding an error message to the user when the at least one ~~or more responses indicate~~
response indicates that an error has occurred or that the contact information is private.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, where the query is in the form of
a Universal Resource Locator (URL).

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, where the response includes a
billing type associated with the contact information.

37. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, where the contact ~~related~~
information includes information associated with more than one party.